

Wife, Mother and Nurse.

Mary Mair Lindsay.

Mary Mair was born July 31. 1852 at Gaswater, Ayrshire, Scotland. With her mother and two brothers left their home and dear father in Scotland and came to America, then had a long, hard sea voyage and Mary 14 years old had an illness called Mountain Fever which lasted six weeks and left her pale and weak.

But arriving in Peter and taking her Uncle John and Auntie Anne where she was fed good fresh milk, eggs, and vegetables and her Cousins to keep her happy she was returned to good health with the aid of many prayers and the kindness of her heavenly Father.

As she grew stronger she along with her Mother Mary did house work, helped with the sick to help earn food for herself and two brothers. She also learned to sew and cook. She was blue eyed, light brown hair, and such a pleasant disposition and smiling face as written by her sweet heart William Lindsay, whom she married 15 Dec. 1868 - This was not so unusual then as ox teams, but sleighs with Winters mode of travel - William and Mary with his brother Robert and his sweet heart Sarah Ann Murdock, Mother Christina Mair, Mrs Richardson and 2 Children, started on the long two day trip, stopping over night on the way - And it was cold and slippery on icy roads one Alex fell and lamed himself -

Two men came along and were having trouble as their oxen kept falling - William and Robert went and offered their help - The men declined saying "you better keep out of the way" their mother in her Scots brogue said "They're my boodies" - They are on their way to get married.

When they hurried to the ~~house~~ Endowment house next morning - they were told it was full, "Come tomorrow" The Brides and Grooms walked to see the sights and saw the show "Romeo and Juliette" They were married Dec. 15, 1868 by Daniel H. Wells - they bought 100 lbs of flour for \$10.00 - 2 straight chairs, a small rocker, a brass kettle and some tinware and a few other useful things and started home with their prize possessions.

The same Oxen was tied behind the sleigh and Mary and his mother Christina took turns sitting by William as he drove and prodding the lame one on with a stick - no warm gloves to keep feet dry. But as William writes a very unusual honey moon but a very happy one - the last night was spent at Hole Stone. Making two night camping coming home.

He had a log-room house, rocked lined cellar beneath and an attic built, it was where Love Ashten now lives and they were very happy - both doing their parts at church and helping where they could.

William went to Evanston, working as a weigh boy. He bought a stove and sent it home to his dear Mary. It was much better for cooking than the fire place. Four children were born to them at this house with Grandmother Christina midwife to help them into the world and help care for them.

William had worked for others and obtained two oxen and a wagon - he and his brother James had grown a good crop of potatoes on land 3 miles east of Kewanee. And now it was open for Homesteads, William

3/ Walked of necessity but also because he enjoyed
walking to Salt Lake to enter this land as a home-
stead in his name. he took along some lonely hand
embroidery work done by his mother and his mother in
law which Brigham Young bought for his family for
dress trimmings. He walked again to Salt Lake to take out Citizenship paper.
He worked long and hard to clear the land, make
fences, ditches to carry water to his land, planted &
raised Crops and was prosperous. his secret was
when the grain was ready, seed potatoes etc, to be sown
we would all stand by him with bowed heads while
he thanked the Lord for seed to plant and ask a
blessing that it would grow and yield good Crops
that there might be food for his family - And we
were always well fed.

Mary was an excellent Cook, Good seamstress -
making suits for her husband and boys and
dresses for she and Marnie - she also had a
special touch in illness, she seemed to be blessed
to know what to do for the best, she made a special
salve that was soft and white and very healing.
When she was able and there was sickness in
Lake Creek and Center Creek especially, she would go to
help and William went to help - they were called
as there were no Doctors near.

In later years her friend John Aird had finished
his studies to become a Dr. And he often told her of
Aids to use in sickness, she was first instructed
in Nursing by her mother who was very good
in illness and did much of it as long as she was
able.

There was eventually a seven room farm house - all
painted Pink - with a drive in at the north front and
a step style to help get in and out of a buggy - a
reception hall inside the door where many happy
times were had by people coming as a surprise party to
stay all night and sleep on the floor - but the sociability

4/4 was the main thing; Mary could plan and prepare good meals in a short time as they had beef, pork, lamb and chicken and turkey, milk, butter, cheese and flour.

Beside taking Goodies to the sick and aiding where she could, she made beautiful three tiered Wedding Cakes for Brides and could make a filling and an envelope minus a small corner out of Cane Belles, Birds, lilies, and fancy trims to make a cake so pretty.

On every day Cooking - she made such pretty and appetizing puddings, Cakes and Cookies - but the bread and rolls could not be beat by anyone, all food was very good, she managed well.

When all the family but the last three - there was 5 years no children then came Cussie, David and Annie, William received a Valentine from Box B Salt Lake City, asking if he could be ready to go to England on a Mission by March 20 - they had lived and taught their beloved religion they had accepted in their youth, to their family and others and felt now he must do as he was ask - It was a hard thing for him to leave as he was a family man and had been so close to them, however he owned 1/4 of a block in Utah with a log house on it, and Mary planned to move there as she felt she could not run the farm, Andrew and Martha with their family could take over the farm and Mary was sure she could to nursing - her friend Dr. And could help her get started.

Poor William left by train, all family in tears, Little Mary Lindsay a Granddaughter crying so loud I don't want my Grandpa to go - her father James & wore dark glasses as he was snow blind from now riding a horse home from his sheep herd, so he had an excuse for tears - the rest of us just cried - As the train started David ¹⁵ got on too and hung on to his poor father, it was a job to get him off as the train started

5/ After Mary with Crissie & Annie still in school and Dave with his brothers Will and Jim, were settled, she was very busy as a nurse. She charged \$10.00 to go when baby was coming, take care of mother, baby, family, meals, washing etc. for ten days - she was so well liked she was in demand all the time, and not able to be at home too much. She worked with Dr. Cliff and Dr. W.R. Thurnett.

In this way she was able to send some money to her dear William trusting he would keep well and be able to teach our wonderful Gospel to others.

At the close of his two years as a missionary. He spent six weeks in Scotland trying to find his old home, old friends but all gone. He did find Mary's brother Fould's main, the father had died in 1898, Fould's and his family were very kind to him and anxious to hear all about his sister and two brothers Andrew and Alexander main. He gave him a gift for his sister Mary and sent some of her play things she had in that house as a girl.

William found a lot of Mary's relatives and cousins of his, who had accepted the Gospel. He spent days at the library copying Lindsay, Howe and Blackwood names for temple work. Also many. He returned home to a wonderful welcome of family and friends and a big dinner.

He felt Mary should give up her nursing, they would lease or sell the farm, build a new house. But that fall they took a trip to the James town Exposition in W. Va. visited her brother James M. Main and wife at Frostburg, Md. and had such a wonderful time. He came to Heber in 1900 before his mother died and visited his brothers & mostly at Mary's farm - in 1902 he felt he could buy the wife and they made Mary and William's home their headquarters. Mary even had them invited out for breakfast one morning but he back for dinner. But

6/ James was a bit indignant at being taken to see the Lindsay Springs and the Petrified forest in the hills east, when they returned they were so upset as buggies & buggies were at Mary's home, they thought some accident had taken place, and as they rushed into the house for no one was outside they heard "Happy Birthday Mary Ann". she was so over come but delighted - Mary how did you do this?

She had a big dinner and all the relatives, it was a day never forgotten, so they did all in their power to make the Weber folks happy. they visited Wash. D.C. etc. And at Kansas City visited Mary's sister in law, Mary and Allan Gray, her brother had died in '72 but had been to Weber in 1869 as he worked on the Rail Road and come to see his mother.

The new home was built and moved into and had 42 set at once for a Christmas dinner in 1908. Santa came and it was a happy time, all the family were home and all their children and some friends.

Mary was still in demand in illness, she had just come home to rest and was lying down when she heard a voice say "Jade has just died", she took her shoes in her hand and ran, father behind her - 2 blocks - Dr. Wheritt said "his wife demanded Uncle William pray - He ask, they will be done - And Jade lived, Dr. said "It's a power higher, for I did nothing to help him".

And so it was - as long as she was able she was called or went when sickness or trouble struck and William at her side.

She suffered a stroke Dec. '13, - she did get to using her legs and could walk to Cussies with a chair to rest on between, William waited on her, doing everything for her comfort, Her family came often, but as was their habit, come Sunday after church - such happy times.

She suffered another stroke June 3 - 1916 - people came from Salt Lake, Provo, Park City and Weber Valley, the Weber house was full at her service, She had been a friend and source of strength to so many and it was a deep loss. Her casket was the first to not be opened by father's wish. - Written by her daughter, Annie L. Clark 8/1/16

Their Children were
Mary (Marnie) Lindsay married James Fisher
William Howie Lindsay " Margaret Eleanor Thomas
James Lyon Lindsay " Elizabeth Jones
Daniel died - 10 yrs. old
Samuel " as a child (Whooping Cough)
John Allan Lindsay married Ella Minerva Bunnell
Andrew Alexander " Martha Sulser
Christina Veronica (Cussie) " Adolphia 'R' Duke
David Pryde " Leah Bunnell
Still born baby girl -
Annie Murdoch mtd. Edward Delbert Clyde